RIBUNE

GOOD CHEER.
Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
Twas not gives for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's team.
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

Communications have been received from Hattle

L. Webster, Henry M. Calvert, Mrs. Baker, David M. Lackie, "A Sympathizer," Mrs. G. L. Hurd. Alice M. Dunn, M. D. C., Miss Grace E. Taft, Mrs.

Bishoprick, Mrs. A. Coddington, A. W. Gorum, Mrs.

Helen Weston: Sunshine columns without a name. One dollar was received from "A Friend" to be

A SONG FOR THE GOOD OLD TIME.

Sing o' the "good old time coming".
Fancy you hear its drums.
And life'll be all the sweeter
If never the good time comes!

Sing o' the "good times coming"— Sing while the night comes on, And life'll be all the brighter For dreaming the day would dawn!

Sing of the "good time coming"
On a glad and golden wing.
And life will move in music
For dreaming the joybells ring!

Sent by H. L. P.

Somewhere the good time's marching
With the rippling flags and drums;
But sing—and the world will blossom
If never the good time comes!
—(Atlanta Constitution.

headquarters to the Young People's So-

SUNSHINE DISTRIBUTED. Five large boxes, a harrel and four large bundles f reading matter contributed by the different Sun-

clety of the Gospel Tabernacle, Forty-fourth-st. and Eight-ave. All of these books and papers will be distributed among the sick poor as Easter gifts.

Sunshine members do not exhibit as much readi-

ness in answering conundrums as in solving riddles

MEETING OF SUFFRAGISTS.

MRS. BOSTWICK SAYS WOMEN DESIRE TO

BE INTELLIGENT VOTERS.

Woman's Suffrage Association was held yesterday

honor of being the first city in which women took up political interests, which was at the time of the

election of Mayor Schieren.
Dr. Pheebe J. B. Wait, of Manhattan, a member

of the New-York Suffrage Association, spoke on

"Political Study." She said that her experience had

Chapman said that while she did not care

"TWELFTH NIGHT" PATRIOTIC.

FLAGS FORM THE DECORATIONS AT THE

MONTHLY SOCIAL.

The Twelfth Night Club held its regular monthly

Lotta was the guest of honor, and looked par-ticularly well in a red cloth gown embroidered in

"THE EARLY AGES OF ART."

ALICE DONLEVY BEGINS A SERIES OF

ing Mme. Scharwerka, Mile. Scharwenka, Dr. and

LENTEN LECTURES. Miss Alice Donlevy gave the first of a series of

direction of Mrs. Cora E. Seberry.

The regular afternoon meeting of the Brooklyn

used in sending out Easter offerings.

A. Baker, Ayah, Jessie P. Shipman, Mrs. M. J.

Hamilton, Mrs. A. L. Bogue, Helen

MRS. EMILY H. WAKEMAN TELLS THE 80-CIETY FOR POLITICAL STUDY ABOUT

WILLIAM H. SEWARD. The statesman who came up for consideration yesterday by the Society for Political Study was William H. Seward, and Mrs. Emily H. Wakeman represented his historian. With a bold and rapid hand she sketched the salient points in his career, ranking him as one of the first men of his time as statesman, reformer and politician. She referred to his signal services in promoting internal improvements and universal education, which challenged for women the same higher advantages granted to the other sex. Elected Governor by over ten thousand majority, he did much for prison reforms, substituting moral discipline for the lash, while the interests of agriculture received his thoughtful care, the experiment stations in the

State to-day being the outcome of his suggestion "While Secretary of State in Lincoln's Administration," said Mrs. Wakeman, "he did the greatest work of his life. The Alaska purchase for \$7,200,000 evidenced the far-seeing policy of the man, who claimed at the time that the timber, furs, copper, fron and gold were resources that more than warranted the purchase."

At the close of Mrs. Wakeman's talk Mrs. Remington took the chair, and an animated discussion followed. Mrs. Bedell, a townswoman of Secretary Seward, gave some interesting personal reminiscences, closing with a letter just received from his son. William Seward. Mrs. Bedell was one of the choir who sang at the great man's funeral. Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake followed, speaking of her surprise at seeing Secretary Seward at the United States Hotel in Saratoga, and finding him an intellectual, scholarly gentleman, when she had always pictured him with a demoniacal expression, the result of her early Democratic training. Mrs. Rotter objected to hearing so much of the glory of freeing the Southern slaves, and saked with spirit, "Was not the ruin of five million American citizens a high price to pay even for the enfranchisement of the black man?"

Mrs. Theodore F. Seward, the ex-President of the National Society of New-England Women, and a cousin of Secretary Seward, followed with other interesting personal reminiscences, laying special stress on his lovely devotion to his invalid wife and his daughter Fannie.

The summing up of the work of the afternoon was done by the Rev. Pheebe Hanaford, in her usual delightful and forceful way, pouring baim on wounded spirits and bringing out the strong points of the subject discussed.

Referring incidentally to our prisoners of Andersonville, however, brough Mrs. Rotter again to the floor, who declared that the fault of the non-exchange of prisoners rested not with the depleted but with the North.

The subject announced for the next meeting is niscences, closing with a letter just received from

South, that could not ever feed her own people, but with the North.

The subject announced for the next meeting is "Samuel J. Tilden," the paper to be supplied by Mrs. Carter.

PUNDITA RAMABAI'S WORK.

SHE COMES FROM INDIA TO RAISE MONEY FOR A MISSION.

The Hindeo widow, the Pundita Ramabal, who recently came from India to raise money for her ork, will be present at the tenth annual meeting of the Ramabai Association to be held in Trinity Chapel, Boston, to-day. She was the guest of the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, who is president of the association, until a few days ago, and at a reception tendered her at his home, B. J. Fernie announced that "The Christian Herald" would give \$4,500 in quarterly instalments to support one hundred girls at her Kedgaum farm. The Pundita will lecture throughout the United States.

"She is extremely popular with American women, her simplicity and earnestness winning her friends everywhere" said Dr. Abbott a few days ago. 'She surprised some and charmed all by answering a woman who asked her whether she was Uni-tarian or Evangelical: 'I really don't know. I'm a Christian. If Christ was anything else I'll be

During the famine hundreds of women and children have been saved from death by the energetic work of their countrywoman. Fourteen teachers

work of their countrywoman. Fourteen teachers have been educated, eleven of whom are supporting themselves; eight nurses have been trained, ten widows occupying places as matrons, and forty-nine child-widows have been married, forty-eight having become Christians.

The arrival of Pundita Ramabai in this country about the time of Miss Willard's death recalls an incident that occurred when the Pundita was here some ten years ago, as told in a periodical of that time by Elizabeth Porter Gould. It was at a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Tremont Temple, Boston, when Joseph Cook, introduced as the "brother-in-law of the Union," presented one of the most striking object-lessons ever given to the public eye. "After paying a tribute to the heroic, far-seeing labors of the two women, before him, Pundita Ramabai, representing the women of America, he added that the sight on the same platform of a 'daughter of the Ganges,' working hand in hand with a 'daughter of the Mississippi for the upiliting of women the world over was what many a soul had longed to see, but had died yithout the sight. As he finished speaking he paused a moment, then requested that the two women step forward, one to each side of the desk, and clasp hands over the Bible. This being done, he stepped a little behind, between the two, and, slowly lifting the Bible, he said with great reverence. Rise, woman, by the heights of Christianity to universal civilization." The effect was thrilling ence. Rise, woman, by the heights of this limit of universal civilization. The effect was thrilling and profound; a high-caste Hindoo woman, draped in the widow's white robes, and a free-born, great-souled American woman, in the conventional black, receiving the strong and tender benediction of a manify Christian chivalry. It was a scene to linger in the memory of that vast audience."

THE WITS AND BEAUS OF OLD.

MISS COPPERNOLL TALKS OF DUDES WELL DRESSED AND CLEVER.

A graceful introduction by Mrs. C. B. Bartram formed a prelude, yesterday morning, to Miss Marion E. Coppernoll's lecture on "Wits and Beaus," given at the home of Mrs. William Knight. No. 195 Keap-st., Brooklyn.

Miss Coppernoll began by saying that those who have contributed most to the world's joility have usually ended their own lives in shadow. While the terms "wit" and "beau" were quite unrelated. yet they were often combined in one person, the term beau being especially elastic in its applica-

"The race of wits and beaus," said the lecturer, came in with the Restoration, the monarchs Louis XIV in France and Charles II in England, leading in the license of speech and action, which was the reaction of the dearth of merriment under Cromwell and his Parliament." Miss Coppernoll told about the fascinating George Billiers, characterized by Dryden as the "Alcibiades of his age"; John Millit (Lord Rochester), most reckless all that reckless Court of Charles: Count de Graumont, noted alike for his courage, good nature, effrontery and wit, and Scarrou, "fhe inimitable," who signed himself "by the grace of God, the sick man of the Queen," and who in his dying moments declared to his wife (afterward Mme. de Main-

man of the Queen," and who in his dying moments declared to his wife (afterward Mme, de Maintenon) and his friends, "I shall never make you weep as much as I have made you laugh."

The heau, pure and simple, known only as a "dude," or wearer of clothes, according to Miss Coppernoil, came in with the eighteenth century. This class was represented by Fleiding, Beau Nash ("King of Bath"), and George Bryan Brummel, whose ambition was to be "the glass wherein the noble youth did dress themselves," and whose ehlef service for humanity was the introduction of trousers from Germany. Lord Chesterfield was described by Miss Coppernoil not only as a man of fashlon, but as one possessing great vigor, a power of systematic application and infinite tact.

A large audience of representative women followed Miss Coppernoil's résumé with rapt attention. Among them were noted Mrs. Burtis Magie, Mrs. Griswold Dennison, Mrs. Thomas F. Rowland, jr., Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Jacob Van Wyke, Mrs. William Wandel, Mrs. Henry Meeker, Mrs. Alvan G. Brown, Mrs. Edwin Caldwell, Mrs. Edwin Seely, Mrs. William Garrison, Mrs. Charles Bartram, Mrs. George Burr, Mrs. C. B. de la Vergne, Jr., Mrs. Augustin Day, Mrs. Henry Vogel, Mrs. Charles Hazleton, Miss Raynor, Mrs. Daniel Wilson, Mrs. Erra B. Tuttle, Mrs. Craig and Mrs. F. Allaire.

The next lecture, which will be on "Belles and Diplomats," will be given next Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. Burr, in Taylor-st.

WORK OF THE BRANCH ALLIANCE. The Branch Alliance of the Church of the Messlah held a meeting yesterday morning, about one

hundred women being present.

Mrs. Burton, the president, was in the chair, and the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read, that of the latter showing a balance in the treasury of \$156. The lecture on Mrs. Partington,

given last month, realized a profit of \$81. Mrs. Pierre M. Thompson read an account of the work being done by the Ladles' Benevolent So-clety, which meets every Tuesday morning, and ciety, which meets every Tuesday morning, and which has sent garments to the Messiah Home and to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Mrs. G. W. Smallwood presented the report of the Postoffice Mission, showing the wide area covered by this work and the good resulting from it. A large number of letters were read from all over the States in acknowledgment of magazines, sermons and other literature. One letter from a chaplain of the United States Army stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, gave a vivid description of life on the frontier and described the efforts being made to amuse and interest the soldiers in a good and wholesome way.

Mrs. Catlin, of Brooklyn, appealed for a grant of 130 to help the work in Richmond, Va., and it was given.

THE "PLACING OUT" OF CHILDREN.



AN EASTER TAN CLOTH TAILOR-MADE GOWN-HAT OF TAN STRAW, TRIMMED WITH WHITE CHIFFON AND FEATHERS.

LIFE IN OLD NEW-YORK. MISS MORTON TELLS STORIES OF WASH-

INGTON'S TIME.

SHE SAYS THE CITY WAS A DIRTY LITTLE PLACE, WITHOUT BATHS, LATCHKEYS OR

Before an appreciative audience that crowded the assembly-room in the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday morning Miss Lalla Baldwin Morton gave another one of her sketches, the subject being "New-York as the National Capital."

This period succeeding the excitement and troubles of Revolutionary days is pervaded with such a gentle dignity that the action of the time reminds one of the stately minuet, in which each dancer carries himse. With the quiet grace becoming his position. New-York was, indeed, but a wreck of the metropolis of Colonial days. The farewell of Washington to his troops, which took place at Fraunce's Tavern, at Pearl and Broad sts., was the first act of dignity and importance after the American Army had entered the city. During the period between 1783 and 1789 New-York showed her vitality in social and political revivals,

and commerce and enterprise were flourishing. When the questions concerning the Constitution were agitating the whole country the reluctance of New-York to adopt the Constitution caused much The incidents of the times were pointed out by

Miss Morton, with anecdotes, and in the account of the great parade of July 23, 1788, she told many amusing stories. The five thousand men who marched in line on that occasion was a much larger number in proportion to the size of the city. d than any that has since been seen in one procession. Miss Morton likened the excitement that occasion to the feeling which predominated in New-York at the time of the goldbug parade, pre-ceding the last Presidential election, the stillness of the crowds looking on showing the intense feeling and excitement. The carrying of the Federal ship the frigate Hamilton through the streets, rigged and manned, was of the deepest interest, as typifying the unswerving course of the ship of state, guided by bold and earnest leaders. Three days later New-York adopted the Constitution,

making glad the hearts of her people Speaking of the stateliness of Washington's in auguration, Miss Morton said:

"Social life in those days was dignified and gracious. Fashions change in manners as in clothes, and perhaps we may hope that the old-time courtesy may at last come back; we have too little of

"Washington's opposition to the Order of the Cincinnati was because of his fear that it would give a sort of warrant for the establishment of an aristeeracy. The society was made up of prominent men, and, strange to say, they were nearly all members of the Tammany Sectety, a charitable organization named for the chief of the Delaware Indians. The officers of the society were also given the names of chiefs.

members of the Tammany Scales, a Chainage organization named for the chief of the Delaware Indians. The officers of the society were also given the names of chiefs.

"But thes city of the last part of the last century was a dirty little piace at best," concluded Miss Morton. "It was a city without a bathroom, without drainage, where bedrooms were piaced in the frigid zone and such things as latchkeys and mustaches were wholly unknown. Some of the quaint old houses along the Battery and Bowling Green give one an idea of the homes and their situation." Miss Morton will finish this course of readings next Tuesday morning with the fourth paper, entitled "Madison Square, as It Was and Is."

Some of those present at the lecture were Mrs. Benjamin Knower. Mrs. Janvier Le Duc, Mrs. Teackle Wallis Lewis, Mrs. Alien D. Loney, Mrs. Eugene McLean, Mrs. Robert Nicol, Mrs. William P. Ogden, Mrs. Edmund C. Owen, Mrs. Jules W. Pinchot, Mrs. Charles B. Raymond, Mrs. Jules W. Pinchot, Mrs. Charles H. Raymond, Mrs. Jules Reynal, Mrs. Charles H. Raymond, Mrs. Jules Sage, Mrs. George Edgar Schanek, Mrs. Clarence A. Seward, Mrs. Edward Lyman Short, Mrs. W. Wheeler Smith, Mrs. Edward Lyman Short, Mrs. W. Wheeler Smith, Mrs. Edward Lyman Short, Mrs. W. Wheeler Smith, Mrs. Edward Lyman Short, Mrs. Charles D. Stickney, Mrs. James Remsen Strong, Mrs. Bobert R. Stuyvesant, Mrs. David M. Turnure, Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbill, Mrs. Cortland Schuyler Van Rensselaer, Mrs. George Waldington, Mrs. John Jay White, Ir. Mrs. Clarence Gould Mrs. Henry Gribble, Mrs. Bolton Hall, Mrs. Edward Somers Hayes, Mrs. Bolton Hall, Mrs. Edward Somers Hayes, Mrs. Bolton Hall, Mrs. Richard Somers Hayes, Mrs. Bradish Johnson, Mrs. Henry Meyer Johnson, Mrs. Edward S. Mrs. Ulliam N. Camp, Mrs. W. Irajing Cark, Mrs. William N. Camp, Mrs. W. Irajing Cark, Mrs. Julen T. Davides, Mrs. Joshua Williams Davis, Mrs. Stephen De Forest, Mrs. John G. Dale, Mrs. Julien T. Davides, Mrs. Joshua Williams Davis, Mrs. Stephen De Forest, Mrs. John G. Dale, Mrs. Julien T. Davides, M

THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

The Society for Instruction in First Aid to the this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at No. 165 East Twen-ty-second-st. 1500m No. 565. Injured will begin a course of lectures to women

The programme for the Jamaica Chautauqua Circle this evening is as follows: Rollcall, an item about bird life, reading by Mrs. Julia D. Phelps, Chapter IX of "Roman Life in Pliny's Time." about bird life, reaning by the chapter IX of "Roman Life in Filing's Time," reviewed by Miss Bertha Vicnot; Chapter XII of "Medieval Europe," reviewed by Mrs. Charles M. Kirby, and discussion on the readings and on cutent events. The meeting will be in charge of Miss.

Charles F. Binns, of the Royal Worcester Potteries, England, will lecture for the Helping Hand Fund of the Brooklya Society of Mineral Painters at the home of the vice-president of the Society, Mrs. Worth Osgood, No. 462 Madison-st., Brooklyn, at 4 o'clock to-day.

The Committee of Direction of the Long Island Council of Women's Clubs will meet at the Public Library, Bedford and Jefferson aves. Brooklyn,

"A Modern Theory" is the subject of the fifth lecture in the course on "Genesis, Development

and Character of the Modern Nation," to be given to-day by Professor William M. Sloane, at the League for Political Education, No. 509 Fifth-ave., beginning at 5 o'clock.

At the New-York Collegiate Institute, No. 241 Lenox-ave., a lecture wil be given on "Work and Play" by Dr. Jennie B. Merrill, superintendent of public-school kindergartens, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The third of a series of illustrated talks about birds, now being given by William E. D. Scott at the home of Mrs. John Jay White, ir., No. 168 East Fifty-seventh-st., will take place at 11:30 o'clock this morning. at the suffrage rooms, in Pierrepont-st., Mrs. Cornella K. Hood presiding. The subject for the afternoon, "Fields of Work for Women," was under the

will be given by Professor Franklin H. Giddings. of Columbia University, at No. 50 East Fifty-sev-enth-st., at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Charles Heinroth, organist of the Church of the Ascension, Tenth-st, and Fifth-ave., will give his ninth organ recital this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Powers and David Mannes in their Lenten musi-cals are Mme. Gadski, Miss Marguerite Hall, Mme.

The Holland Dames will hold a business meeting this evening at the Holland House, and will have a banquet and dance afterward.

A reception will be given to John Graham Brooks this evening by the Civitas Club, of Brooklyn, at Memorial Hall, in the Young Women's Christian Association Building. Tunis G. Bergen will preside.

man, Mrs. Walter J. Barron, No. 461 Bedford-ave.,

noon at the home of Miss Hawley, No. 161 Hat cock-st., Brooklyn. Miss Kate Woodward will read a paper on Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

fit of the Manhattan East Side Mission will be ven by Alfred M. Collett this afternoon at 3 'clock at Sherry's. The subject is "Old and New St. Paul's." Not only will the present cathedral of London be fully described and filustrated, but a number of views will be shown, giving a complete restoration, externally and internally, of the old cathedral, which perished in the great fire of London.

Miss Very lectures on "The Symphonic Poem" this morning at 18:45 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John B. Simpson, No. 11 Mount Morris Park West.

A reunion of those interested in the Julia Gibbons Scholarship will be held at the home of the secretary, Miss Mary P. Robinson, No. 157 West Seventy-fourth-st., to-day, at 2:30 p. m. is asked to bring something for the barrel which is being packed for the Hampton School. Materials for aprons, neckties, schoolbags and doll's dresses, cards and pictures for scrapbooks and any odd pieces of ribbon or material will be useful. The contents of the barrel are to provide materials with which the girls at the school can make gifts for

Readings from the proof sheets of a novel written y the Rev. C. W. de Lyon Nichols will be given by the number this morning at the Waldorf-Astoria. The plot of the novel is connected with Blackwell's

BROOKLYN WOMAN'S CLUB.

meeting on Monday afternoon in the Young Women's Christian Association Building, at Flatbushave and Schermerhorn-st. Mrs Truman J. Backus called the gathering to

order, and, after the reading of a report from the Current Topics Committee, the meeting was taken charge of by the Committee on Music and Drama. charge of by the Committee on Music and Drama.

Mrs. Andrew Jacobs gave a review of the nineteenth annual convention of the Music Teachers'
National Association—and the "Story of the Pear
Tree," a dramatic sketch, was presented by Mr.
Loomis and Edwin S.ar Belknap. The same men
also gave the "Story of a Faithful Soul," by Adelaide Proctor, and "The Little Old Woman," with
musical illustrations by Edgar S. Kelley.

Mrs. Annie P. L. Field sang, and the meeting was
brought to a close.

Cooking School in the United Charities Building. Fourth-ave, and Twenty-second-st., will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Tea will be served at 4 p. m.

"Samadhi or Super-Consciousness" (Raja Yoga) will be the subject of the Swami Abhedananda's lecture this evening at 8 o'clock at Mott Memorial Hall, No. 64 Madison-ave.

A reading on "The Origin of Man's Moral Nature"

"Concentration and Meditation as Applied to the Development of Character' is the subject of Mrs. Benjamin F. Harnett's talk this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. A. Latimer, No. 148 Rodney-st., Brooklyn.

The artists who are assisting Francis Fisher ident of the Bedford Heights Political Equality League, spoke on "Political Study in Brooklyn," and remarks were made by Mrs. Charles Winslow, Jacobi and Miss Clara Damrosch. The second of the Wednesday morning series will take place to-day at 11 a.m. Mrs. Andrew J. Perry and Mrs. Noah Chapman. Mrs. Chapman said that while she did not care to belong to any political party, she did want the right to have her opinion counted; she felt it right for all women to express their opinions outside of their own homes, and undoubtedly the work of the association was to help secure the ballot for American women.

Tea was served. Among those present were Mrs. Samuel Weed, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. A. J. Petry, Mrs. Isaac H. Carey, Miss Jennie C. Wilder, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. P. Hackstaff, Miss Cleveland, Miss E. Florence Eaton, Miss Fullmer, Miss Adrienne de Bevoise and Miss Hull.

The letter-paper used by the suffrage association has at the top of the sheet a small sunflower, with the date 1848 in the centre, and around it the motto. "Governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed." The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Municipal Affairs of Chiropean

et this morning at the home of the chair-Brooklyn. Each member is requested to bring a question to be answered by some member of the

Mrs. Charles W. MacCord will give a talk on Henry Seton Merriman this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. Hewell Topping, No. 489 Willoughby-ave., Brooklyn.

The Photereone Reading Club will meet this after-

social meeting yesterday afternoon, at the Berke ley Lyceum, and took advantage of the occasion The second of the course of lectures for the beneto give expression to its patriotism. The room was decorated with American flags, lent by Simpson, Crawford & Simpson, and "The Star-Spangied Banner," sung as a chorus, was introduced into the programme. The other numbers were furnished by Miss Helen Niebuhr, who sang "Among the Lilles," by Dana; "Little Boy Blue," by Joyce, and "Thou Art Like a Flower," by Smith. Miss Nie-buhr was accompanied by Miss Frances Hoyt.

A lecture on "The Meaning and Value of the Fairy Tale" will be given by Mrs. Mary H. Peabody this evening at 8 o'clock at the Van Norman Institute, No. 280 West Seventy-first-st.

Susan B. Anthony will be the guest of honor today at an entertainment to be given by the Political Equality Club, of Syracuse.

The Scientific Alliance will give its first public banquet to-night at the Hotel Savoy.

Island, and relections to be read with Blackwell's Island, and relections to be read with be "Blackwell's Island By Moonlight." "A Fin de Siecle Bowery Villain." "Deathbed Scenes in a Charity Hospital" and "One of the Four Hundred on a Pauper's Cot Behind Doors."

crowded for the occasion, among these the control of the control o The Brooklyn Woman's Club held its regular

WORK AMONG THE FREEDMEN. The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church was held in Ward's Mission Rooms, No. 56 Fifth-ave., yesterday morning.

Mrs. Theodore Weston presided and conducted the

discussion of "Work Among the Freedmen." Mrs. diacussion of "Work Among the Freedmen." Mrs. Miller, of Philadelphia, a former missionary teacher, told of her experiences among the innernal and poor negroes in the South, and the Rev. Mr. Tomkins, of St. James's Church, spoke on "Little Africa in New-York." A general discussion about the condition of the colored race and the work necessary to better it ended the meeting.

CHARITY CONFERENCE MEETS

BISHOP POTTER SPEAKS ON THE SET-TLEMENT QUESTION.

HE TELLS WHY RELIGIOUS TEACHING OUGHT TO BE EXCLUDED, AND QUOTES THE

BIBLE TO BEAR HIM OUT.

The regular monthly charity conference under the auspices of the Charity Organization Society was held yesterday morning in the Assembly Hall of the Charities Building, Twenty-second-st. and Fourth-ave.

Miss Kate Bond, chairman of the Conference Committee, presided, and the speakers were Bishop Potter, James B. Reynolds, of the University Settlement: Miss Mary Kingsbury, of the College Settlement, and Clarence Gordon, of the East Side

Bishop Potter was the first speaker, his subject being "The Settlement Idea." He said that the Settlement was a protest against the removal of

Heath, Miss M. B. C., Mrs. K. B. Campbell, A. H., Estelle, Annie B. Appleget, Fred Q. Boyer, Louisa, B. Niver, Alice Donlevy, Miss E. Donghut, Miss Anna Tuckerman, Mrs. A. C. Crane, Lucy Philo, Mrs. F. Benrose, Mrs. D. S. Manes, Mrs. G. B. Wilson, H. J. H., Mrs. E. McF. Marshall, Rieta C. Harris, Mrs. J. C. Holmes, A. E. D., E. Cheney and Veritas. the individual from personal contact with those whom he wishes to serve, and a "reaction against the mechanicalizing of our efforts to serve our fel-"The idea which lies behind the Settlement is a dual one," he continued. "We are apt to think only of what it does for others, but what it does for The following contributions have been sent in: A us is equally important. One of the greatest diffichild's book, three cards, a bag, cotton scrap-pieces and several little booklets, from Willie Painter; culties that sociology has to encounter is the general ignorance and insensibility that exist regardeight calendars prepared for Easter, from Mrs. Painter: Easter cards from Mrs. G. B. Wilson and ing social problems that have been developed dur-ing the present century. Few have thought of them, and still fewer have thought through them. Modern inventions have completely altered the con-

ditions of life, and the people have not begun to take the fact into account. "One of the most important results of Settlement work is that it leads to an understanding of these

conditions." kind of work, the Bishop said that the subject always made him a little impatient. It was entirely possible, he thought, to school one's self to insensibility regarding these things, and he did not suppose, any way, that these people were any dirtier than the majority of our ancestors in the

In concluding his address he said he was often asked why religious teaching was given so small a place in Settlement work, and would now try to answer the question.

Christ ever presented a religious test as a condition

"I do not recall an instance," he said, "in which Christ ever presented a religious test as a condition of doing things for people. His method was to establish a point of contact with them, not on religious but on human lines. He was made fiesh and dwelt among them. He went to marriage suppers and even caused great scandal by dining with a gentleman whose reputation was considered shady.

"The contrary of this method has always been disastrous, and those who blame the Settlement for not employing it must do so in entire ignorance of the history of efforts to serve mankind."

As an example of this the speaker told of a child in Whitechapel, London, who was once heard calling to its mother that the Sisters were coming and the baby had the Profestant linen on. And to show the greater efficacy of the Settlement method he said that when rector of Grace Church his confirmation classes were largely recruited from a club of young men and women where nothing was ever said about religion.

Mr. Reynolds indorsed everything that the Bishop said on this head. There was room for just as much religion in Settlement work, he thought, as could be carried in the heart and made a part of the daily life, but it was not necessary to label it. Miss Kingsbury spoke on "The Settlement in Reliation to Women and Children." She did not know why women and children were always classed together, she said, suless it was on account of the maternal relation and the common political disabilities of both, but, most certainly, in Settlement work they belonged to two opposite extremes and should not be put together at all.

"The child is plastic material," she said, "while the woman's mind is fixed. She is interested in anything that concerns the home, but cares little for anything else. The hest thing that can be done for her is to give her a little pleasure."

Speaking of the work among children, Miss Kingsbury said that she found it a good thing to make boys and girls exchange work sometimes, and had accordingly essablished a cooking class for How does a sallor know the moon?
What great name is pronounced when a servant is told to replenish the fire?
What killed Cæsar?
The answers are: No. 1—One is heir to the throne and the other is thrown in the air. No. 2—He has been to see (sea). No. 3—Phillin the Great (Fill up the grate). No. 4—Too many Roman punches.
Miss Cora W. Jennings, of Shrewsbury, N. J., and a T. S. S. member too modest to sign her name gave the only correct answers. Mrs. D. B. Hamilton missed on No. 2

NEWS OF THE STORES.

Mrs. Kate M. Bostwick, president of the Woman's Republican Union League of Brooklyn, was the first speaker, and took for her subject "Women in Politics." Mrs. Bostwick spoke of the formation and growth of the Woman's Republican Union League, and, incidentally, claimed for Brooklyn the hoper of being the first edit. In subject words EASTER NOVELTIES AT LORD & TAYLOR'S

AND BEST & CO.'S. Crowds gathered yesterday at Lord & Taylor's, Broadway and Twestleth-st., the occasion being the continuation of the spring opening. The department was a garden scene of rare and beautiful flowers. On one adds more of the property of th flowers. On one side was a basket of pansies, while in another spot blossomed mignonette and violets. In some out-of-the-way spot was to be seen the been that the average man considered that being twenty-one years old qualified him to vote, while women felt more keenly the need of education on the subject. Mrs. Priscilla Hackstaff, former pres-

Beautiful headdresses of all descriptions wer displayed, and among the many worthy of note was one of the Amazon shapes, a purple rough straw, trimmed with a long spray of wistaria on each side, one purple and one white, falling a little over the brim at the back. A large bow of green velvet with a steel buckle formed the only ornament in

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While looking at the designs in spring hats a toque of white tuile, point lace and white wistaria caught the eye of the visitor. This little design had on one side a new algrette of tinsel, producing in all a striking effect.

A Louis XIV must not be forgotten, for Lord & Taylor were showing in striking effects the new shapes. One in burnt orange roces, with tan and white ribbons, could not be deintier. Another beautiful design was a white leghorn, turned up at the back, with two large ostrich plumes shaded to a yellow. This fell over the front brim. At the back was a large bow of yellow-striped taffeta and gauze ribbon, caught with a dagger of steel and pearls.

AT BEST & CO.'S. NOS. 60 AND 62 WEST TWEN-TY-THIRD-ST.

Best & Co. gave their spring opening yesterday and will continue it to-day. Best & Co.'s is not a child's department, but literally a "Liliputian bazaar." Lady Pashion may dress her children from infancy up to the time they step out upon the stage of man and womanhood without leaving this

The firm deals not only in the high-class goods, but you can buy reasonable goods from Best. "No poor goods at any price," is their motto. All the boys' clothing handled by them is manufactured in their own shops, and much of goods for boys' wear is woven especially for them.

The mail department is given special attention to, and is a large affair in the business. While spring was bestowing treasures in head-wear on the grown folks, it did not overlook the little ones, for Best has a beautiful assort-ment of hats, bonnets and caps for children of all ages. Golf and bleyde suits are also conspicuous in the boys' department. Hats for boys, Best says, are always a stumbling-block with mothers.

ticularly well in a red cloth gown embroidered in black, and a little red veivet turban. Other guests were Miss Norma Monroe, Miss Isabel Irving, Miss Beila Swan, Mrs. Edward Lanson, Mrs. Esther Herrman, Miss M. K. Server, Miss Bogardus, Dr. Mary Bond, Miss Nelle Kingwan and Miss Grace Root, the daughter of Dr. George F. Root, who wrote so many war songs. The hostesses were Mrs. E. E. Kidder, Miss Clara Hunter and Mrs. Engene Pearl. Hats for boys, Best says, are always a stumblingplock with mothers.

The assortment in saller suits is unusual; there
are more than a hundred different styles and effects. The conventional bine bas had to stand
aside a little and give place to browns, reds and
mixed colors. The topcoais, too, are pretty, stylish
and novel, and mothers with almost any taste can
be suited at Best's in boys' and girls' wear.

Infants are not neglected in the general assortment of children's goods. They can be furnished
from the bath to the outdoor costume without leaving the store. Their capa and hoods this year are
small works of art in that line. In addition to the
general line of shoes, Best & Co. are making a specialty of shoes for weak ankles and of the kind to
prevent children from turning their toes in. All in
all, Best's this year is a place to be frequented by
ambitious mammas. Miss Africe Donievy gave the first of a series of lectures on art yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alia Doughty, the Rutland, Brondway and Fifty-seventh-st. Mrs. Doughty's pariors were crowded for the occasion, among those present be-

GOWN OF HUSSAR BLUE. Blue, through all its varying shades, is declared

by those who know to be a leader in favorite colors, and is being built into the smartest sort of gowns. often comprising three shades, set off with touches of black or white. The military effect is carried out with brass buttons, such as are seen on Army officers' uniforms. Hussar blue, a clear shade bordering on gray, is

the color chosen for an unusually attractive gown, illustrated in the heading, setting forth all the newest items declared correct by Dame Fashion. The skirt of this clinging cashmere gown has a narrow front breadth and sides gored considerably toward the foot, the back falling in a decided dip, an attribute the skirts of all dressy gowns are certain to have. Hip decorations are much in vogue, and in this case tucks have been chosen, arranged in clusters the width of the clusters apart. The bodice has a seamless back, tucked across in clusters, drawn smoothly over the figure, and arranged in a few soft folds at the belt, which is of black velvet ribbon, brought into an enormous bow directly at the front, run through a big jewelled buckle. The bloused front is slashed open to the waist, the space filled with finely pleated white mousseline de sole, bordered by unusually wide release of white silk, covered with inch-deep ruffles of the muslin. Jabots of lace cover the stock, with risp loops of velvet ribbon at the sides. The small seeves, with barely a pucker at the shoulder, are tucked their entire length and finished at the hand in a square effect. illustrated in the heading, setting forth all the

The becoming hat worn with this costume is of soft black satin straw, the crown swathed with folds of black Liberty silk, while bunches of scarlet geraniums are crushed together at the top and under the brim at the side, the buds and soft leaves The Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage then addressed the meeting on "Beliefs About Jesus," and condemned the modern orthodoxy that calls Christ divine

OBJECTIONS TO THE PARSONS BILL AND ARGUMENTS FOR THE CANTOR SUBSTITUTE.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate has two bills before it about the "placing out" of children. One of these, introduced by Mr. Parsons (Senate Bill No. 483), emanates from the State Board of Charittes, and gives that Board very great and unusual powers. The other bill (Senate Bill No. 694), lately introduced by Mr. Cautor, emanates from seven well-known and much-respected charitable societies of this city, and also grants additional powers to the State Board of Charittes, but not so extensive as by the first bill. The object of both bills is to enable the State Board of Charities to stop abuses connected with the "placing tiles to stop abuses connected with the "placing To the Editor of The Tribune. ities to stop abuses connected with the "placing out" of children by a certain individual in the Western part of this State—a most meritorious object, and one for which additional legislation seems

Mr. Cantor's bill has been prepared and intro-duced as a substitute measure for that of the State Board, and, in my judgment, is a much better bill.

I sincerely hope it may become law. There is no opposition to it (except from the State Board, which perhaps not unnaturally desires larger powers), and it gives the Board power to stop the specific abuse complained of and all other abuses connected with the "placing out" of children.

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My objection to the State Board bill is that it gives the Board power to regulate in every detail the work of all societies engaged in "placing out" children, through general rules and regulations of the Board. Should these not be obeyed, the offence is made a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$50 to \$250. This also applies to individuals who "place out" children.

The question at once arises, Is it best to destroy

the freedom of action of we'l-known charitable so-cleties of this city and of all over the State, many of them with an experience of over a quarter of a century, and all of them engaged in doing most beneficent work for children? Each society is dobeneficent work for children? Each society is doing its work in a different way, under rules and regulations of its own, framed to meet its especial needs. Uniformity in the work of all these societies is not desirable nor for the best interests of the children. The "fresh-air fund" societies wish to board children in families for a few weeks only other societies, like the Children's Aid Society, the Nursery and Child's Hospital and others, make more permanent arrangements. Some children are boarded, others indentured, others adopted, and for the best work there should be no hard and fast rules about "placing out" children, for the agreements of the societies with the families should vary in accordance with the needs of the individual child. Surely different conditions are required to care properly for delicate and strong children, for the very young and those much older, for the very young and those much older of action in providing for their care? Give the State Board power to stop the placing-out work of all societies which are doing had work (and this the substitute bill gives them), but not power to interfere with the management of those societies which are doing good placing-out work.

Next, as regards limiting the freedom of individual benevolence. Hundreds of thousands of personancer work through societies and do not know of the existence of a State Board of Charities. They see a poor little child in a stifling tenement-house on a hot summer day, sick and miserable, and they seed a poor little child in a stifling tenement-house on a hot summer day, sick and miserable, and they seed a poor little child in a stifling tenement-house on a hot summer day, sick and miserable, and they seed the parents well and strong. Or the parents well and strong. Or the parents will and strong. Or the parents will and strong. Or the parents and the child to such things unless you day that "you must be ing its work in a different way, under rules and regulations of its own, framed to meet its especial

INCIDENTS IN SOCIETY.

The marriage of Miss Hortense Baumanter) the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Baumant to Joseph Fischer, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fischer, took place at 5:30 o'clock yesterday after-noon at the home of the bride's parents, No. 826 lexington-ave. Relatives and a few intimate friends were invited to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Dr. David Davidson, and was performed by a reception and dinner served by Sherry. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of white silk, trimmed with duchess lace and a tulle veil, caught up with orange biossoms and a diamond sunburst pin, a present from the bridegroom. Miss Lillian Baumann, wearing a costume of pink silk, covered with white mousseline de sole, was her sister's maid of honor. There were neither bridesmaids nor ushers. Abraham Fischer, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Mrs. Baumann wore a gown of black satin, embellished with jet and lace, and Miss Helene Baumann, the bride's eldest sister, whose engagement to Samuel Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Meyer, was announced a short time ago, was in a gown of turquoise blue silk, with trimmings of white mousseline de sole. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, after a Southern trip, will make their home at Eighty-ninth-st, and Madison-ave. Lexington-ave. Relatives and a few intimate friends

William K. Vanderbilt will give a reception with music on Wednesday evening, March 23, at his

The wedding of Miss Grace Talcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Talcott, to Warner de la Mon-tagnie Van Norden, son of Warner Van Norden, will be celebrated on Saturday, April 16.

The last of the two dramatic teas for the benefit of the Orthopoedic Dispensary and Hospital, which will take place in the Astoria ballroom on Friday afternoon, promises to be most interesting. The en-tertainment will begin with "Le Passant," with tertainment will begin with "Le Passant," with Miss Julie Opp in the male part, the role originally played by Mme. Bernhardt, and Miss Marie Burroughs. Next Mrs. Caroline Miskel-Hoyt and William Courtleigh will appear in "The Overcoat," by Augustus Thomas; Mme. Modjeska and her company will then give an act from "Adrienne Lecouvreur," and William H. Crane and his company will be seen in "His Last Appearance." After the performance tea will be served by the patronesses, assisted by Mme. Modjeska, Miss Burroughs, Miss Opp and Mrs. Miskel-Hoyt. As the programme is a long one, the managers urgently request the audience to be seated by 3 o'clock, as the curtain will rise promptly at that hour.

WEDDED IN THE CITY HALL.

CHING PING LEE AND HIS CHINESE SWEETHEART MADE ONE BY AN ALDERMAN.

A Chinese wedding in the Aldermen's Chamber of the City Hall yesterday attracted a crowd. The bride was Chon Quay Chinn and the groom was Ching Ping Lee, the most important member of the Lee family in this country and the general Chinese agent of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Alderman John S. Geagan, the city passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, performed the ceremony.

The bridal party went to the City Hall in car-The bridal party went to the City Hall in carriages. In the party were Charles Yip Qiang, Lee Qee and Jose Toy and Mrs. Wong Quey, All except the last mentioned were dressed in the rich costumes of the Orient. The bride looked extremely young and little. She responded to the questions of the Alderman in a very low voice. Lee, who spoke English, did not need the ald of the interpreter. After the ceremony the party drove back to Chinatown. This was the second marriage, the first having been performed last Saturday.

THEY WANT TO BUY CUBA.

Mrs. Margaret Bottome gave a Bible talk or 'Hope" at the home of Mrs. Knapp, at the Hotel Savoy, yesterday morning. When she had done speaking Mrs. E. Brookins

Prentice, vice-president-at-large and correspond-ing secretary of the World's Good Habit Society, suggested to Mrs. Bottome that an appeal be sent out by mothers, asking that the fathers of the country buy Cuba from Spain in order that their boys may be saved. SECOND OF THE DRAMATIC TEAS. The second of the dramatic teas for the benefit of

the New-York Orthopedic Dispensary and Hospital

will take place at the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday afternoon. The programme will include "His Last Appearance." played by William H. Crane and his Appearance, played by William H. Crane and his company; Miss Julie Opp and Miss Marie Burroughs, in "Le Passant"; Mrs. Caroline Miskel Hoyt and William Courtleigh, in Augustus Thomas's one-act play. "The Overcoat," and an act of "Adrienne Lecouvreur, "played by Mme. Modjeska and her

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